

CATHERINE CLIFFORD.

JANUARY 8, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9318.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9318) granting an increase of pension to Catherine Clifford, having carefully considered the facts presented, respectfully report:

The beneficiary of this bill, Catherine Clifford, is now drawing pension at \$12 per month, under the general law, as the widow of James Clifford, who served from October 21, 1864, to July 20, 1865, as private of the Twenty-fifth Independent Battery, Indiana Light Artillery, and who died from disabilities contracted in said service.

Testimony filed with the committee, medical and lay, show clearly that Catherine Clifford has, for the past eleven years, been a constant sufferer from chronic inflammatory rheumatism, confined to the house, and the major portion of the time confined to her bed by such disease, and is totally and permanently helpless from such cause, and has no other means of support than her pension of \$12 per month, which is inadequate to supply her necessities, to say nothing of the care and attention which she needs almost constantly.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment striking out all of the printed bill after the word "Battery," in line 5, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Indiana Volunteer Light Artillery, and pay her a pension of thirty dollars per month, in lieu of the pension which she is now receiving."